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6403**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2100****PATENT**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant | : Nancey J. Hammond | Attorney Docket No.: | 500249.01 (660082.527M) |
| Serial No. | : 09/153,994 | Group Art Unit | : 2126 |
| Filed | : September 17, 1998 | Examiner | : Lewis A. Bullock, Jr. |
| Title | : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENHANCING RELIABILITY OF COMMUNICATION WITH ELECTRONIC MESSAGES | | |

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Sir:

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a 2-month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, from March 4, 2003, to May 4, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$410, which is the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks: